

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 22, 2022

## **COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County**

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, continues to encourage eligible populations to be fully vaccinated and receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Those who have been vaccinated and/or boosted tend to have mild symptoms and the majority can recover at home. Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov/">https://www.vaccines.gov/</a>.

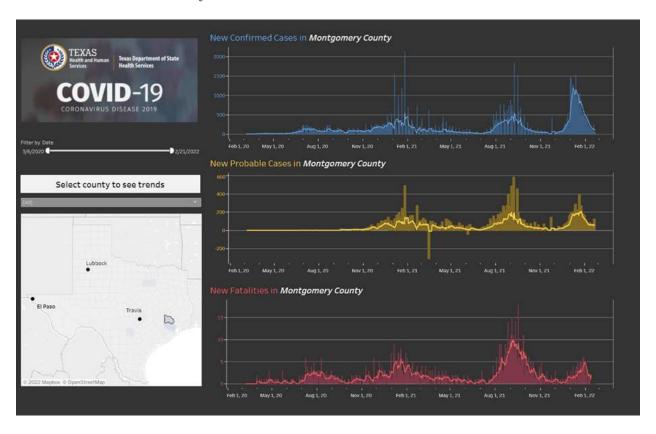
If you are diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, please follow the CDC guidance here: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html.

MCPHD reports weekly on Tuesdays, but DSHS updates daily at this link: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc.

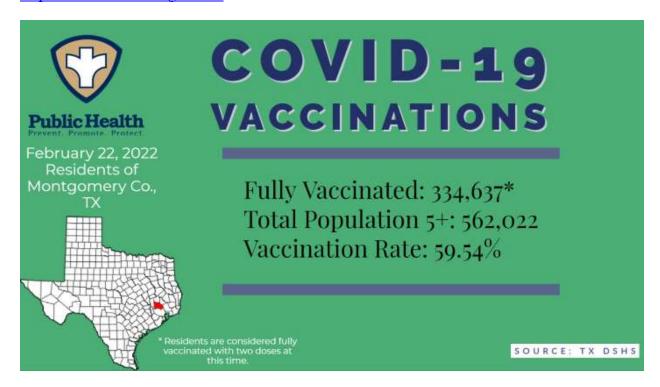
Since our last report on 2/15/2022:

- Total cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,168 to 134,695. \**Total cases include confirmed (PCR testing) and probable (antigen testing) cases.*
- Deaths of Montgomery County residents have increased by 11 to 1,253 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, according to data from DSHS.
- 100 confirmed cases of COVID-19 are currently hospitalized in Montgomery County. SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 13%, down from 23% last week.



The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.



Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vaccinated. You should also:

- Get tested if you feel sick.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

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